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OMAHA PLAYERS SHOW UP IN SUPERB FORM

Exhibition Games with Des Moines Team Prove that "BIB's" Coits are Frisky and Full of Fire—Promising Young Pitchers.

The last week has cleared away every vestige of doubt that may have existed in the minds of local fans relative to the qualifications of the Bourke family of base ballists. They have proven beyond a peradventure that they are experts in every branch of the great national game and it now looks as though "Pap" Bourke has banded together a pennant-winning aggregation.

In the games with Des Moines, both in Omaha and in the Iowa capital, the Omaha have shown up in superb form. The string of victories they acquired came in every case as the reward of hard, careful and clever playing. Not one of them was a scratch or resulted from a fluke on the part of the opposing team.

There is much cause for commendation in the performance of the Omaha pitchers thus far. Hunkie Hill has collected his team of prohibitionists this year with an eye single to their batting abilities and it has been a matter of common knowledge that Hines considered his aggregation the most promising in the league from a batting standpoint.

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The operations of the team already bear the earmarks of Captain "Ace" Stewart's handiwork. The captain has been putting in his time to good advantage since the practice season opened up and the team is even now working in unison when in action on the field.

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This afternoon the professionals will take another whirl at Captain Bradford's Originals. There is no disguising the intention of Captain Stewart's to go after the Originals rough-shod. The defeat administered the professionals a couple of weeks ago by Bradford's aggregation still rankles in the breasts of the Bourkes and they propose to show that it was all a mis-

take. The big crowd of fans who witnessed the game two weeks ago will remember, however, that the amateurs outplayed their rivals at every turn of the game. Since then there has been considerable change in the playing of the Bourke family and it is a foregone conclusion that they will win today's game. It will be an interesting exhibition, however, and the attendance will probably tax the capacity of the grandstand and bleachers. The lineup will be as follows:

Brooklyn, Boston and Chicago started off the National league season by bagging their first games. The opening day of the league was Thursday. Only two teams played that day—Brooklyn and Philadelphia—the other games being postponed on account of rain.

The present week will witness the opening of the American league season and then there will be a lively race between the two big leagues for popular favor and patronage. From this far-off point of the "scrap" will be watched with interest and it is an odds-on bet that the National league will not be worried in the conflict by its opposing organization.

Francis C. Richter, the well known baseball authority, makes the following optimistic declaration regarding the Western league in his paper, Philadelphia Sporting Life: "The Western league has adopted its championship schedule and nothing now remains but to put the finishing touches to the various teams and play ball. The expanded Western league has a good circuit, strong teams and is ably handled, so that it is every reason for confidently anticipating a successful season and the permanent establishment of the Western league as a 'class A' organization."

Manager George Tebeau of the Kansas City team believes there will be plenty of men who are now being carried by the National and American leagues that will be knocking for admission to the Western league before many days. "I now have all the youngsters and minor leaguers I want," said Tebeau.

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GAME STUDIES IN CHESS

Expert Authority Comments on the Strength of the Ray Lopez.

Rev. Leander Turney, commenting on the strength of the Ray Lopez, believes that it is based on the idea of casting quickly and using the early developed rock in the game before Black has had an opportunity to bring up his reinforcements. That the K B should go somewhere at move 3 is certain; if early castling is desired, "The objection to K 2 and Q 4 are so apparent that they need not be fully specified, both are obstructive and hinder White from developing his other forces."

The appended game, played in the interstate match by John L. Clark (White), Lincoln, Neb., against James J. McGrath, Brookhaven, Miss., is worthy of being played over. White at his thirty-ninth move bottled in the black Q, rendering a speedy resignation advisable; but there was a prettier way out:

1-P-K 4 2-K-K 2 3-K-K 2 4-K-K 2 5-K-K 2 6-K-K 2 7-K-K 2 8-K-K 2 9-K-K 2 10-K-K 2 11-K-K 2 12-K-K 2 13-K-K 2 14-K-K 2 15-K-K 2 16-K-K 2 17-K-K 2 18-K-K 2 19-K-K 2 20-K-K 2 21-K-K 2 22-K-K 2 23-K-K 2 24-K-K 2 25-K-K 2 26-K-K 2 27-K-K 2 28-K-K 2 29-K-K 2 30-K-K 2 31-K-K 2 32-K-K 2 33-K-K 2 34-K-K 2 35-K-K 2 36-K-K 2 37-K-K 2 38-K-K 2 39-K-K 2 40-K-K 2

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Track and outdoor athletic sports of all kinds will be given more attention by the Omaha Young Men's Christian association this summer than ever before. The members themselves who are inclined toward athletic sports are wholly responsible for the unprecedented activity that is already showing itself in the association's outdoor work this season.

In order to provide a sufficiency of entertainment for their plans are being laid on an extensive scale for the season's athletics. The big park on Ames avenue will be formally opened May 1 with a program comprising a long list of sporting events.

The men who are interested in base ball will get together in the evening for arrangements. The outgrowth of their discussion and suggestions will be the different ball teams. Members who are enthusiasts in outdoor basket ball, tennis and track athletics will likewise exchange views and decide upon a plan of procedure for the summer.

"We expect the coming season to be a banner one in the history of association amateur sports," said Physical Director Barnes. "It is the opinion of the members to perfect arrangements that will insure a continuation of interest and enthusiasm throughout the entire season. This will be accomplished by organizing different teams of base ball, basket ball and tennis, and arranging a schedule of games. The working boys' class has already organized a team called the 'Young Men's Christian Association Tigers.'"

These six teams will have a regular schedule of games for the season and there will be a deal of rivalry for the championship. The regular team will content itself with games with other local teams. It is hardly probable that we will arrange games with any outside teams. They have proven disappointing and unprofitable financially in the past.

"Outdoor basket ball will be a feature of the season. It will be the first time the game has been played on an open field in town. Such great interest has been manifested in the indoor game this winter that it is sure to continue when the game is played in the park. The rules for the indoor and outdoor games are the same. In the east, where outdoor basket ball has been played, it has proven very popular and has become a feature of the winter season."

"We will have movable goals and a wire netting to surround the field, which will be portable. When we have match games it will be possible to move the field right up in front of the grandstand, where the large throngs will have an unobstructed view of the game. A regular schedule for basket ball will be arranged. All of the teams that have participated in the winter indoor tournament will play outdoor basket ball."

"Two tennis courts will be at the disposal of devotees of that charming game. In the past some of the best players in the city have been numbered among the members of the association and there promises to be greater activity among the tennis enthusiasts this summer than ever before. It will not surprise me if we develop several champions before the season closes."

"Track athletics will occupy a prominent place in our outdoor sports. We intend to hold a series of meets for amateurs in the Lake Geneva tournament and, what's more, we expect the team to bring home with it the magnificent trophy which goes to the winners of the greatest number of events. Teams from all associations throughout the state will enter for the honors. The events are five in number—100 yard dash, twelve-pound hammer throw, running high jump, pole vault and one mile run—and the members of each team are required to participate in each event. The middle mile was which are entitled to send representatives to the Lake Geneva meet are Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, Illinois, Michigan and Indiana."

"It is a certainty that Will McElroy and Henry Finney will be on the Omaha team. McElroy's return from Kansas City, where he has been located this winter, insures him a place on the Omaha team. The contestants for the third place are Cornwell, Painter, Morrison and Sulhoff. Some other candidates may develop and the race for third place on the Omaha team will be an exciting one."

"Of this much I am sure: The team which Omaha will send to Lake Geneva will give a splendid account of itself. Every man who is either insured or competing for a place in them has taken track athletics. Some of them have broken national records and it is not anticipating too much to think that they may win the trophy."

Next Friday afternoon in the Young Men's Christian association gymnasium will be held an indoor meet for the purpose of trying to break the existing indoor association records. The event is looked forward to with a great deal of interest. There are a number of athletes belonging to the Omaha team, in their practice work, have either beaten or tied some of the existing records. If they are in good trim Friday afternoon the honor of holding a national association indoor championship may fall to one or more of the Omaha team.

The events will be standing broad jump, running high jump, hitch and kick, three standing broad jumps, fence vault, pole vault, quarter-mile potato race and running high dive.

Physical Director Barnes is certain that the Omaha team will break two or three of the existing records. He is positive that the present record of ten feet one and one-half inches for a standing broad jump will be broken. Both Cornwell and Finney have cleared ten feet one and one-half inches and each is confident of his ability to repeat the performance Friday afternoon.

The record for a hitch and kick is eight feet six inches. Finney has repeatedly come within a quarter of an inch of the record and hopes to be able to stretch it out far enough to at least tie the record.

Cornwell has tied the record for a running high-dive—five feet ten inches. The record is thirty-seven feet and five inches of a second behind the record and is training with the expectation of not only tying but beating it.

Finney will probably try to discount the record held in the Central association section for throwing the twelve-pound shot. The record is thirty-seven feet and five inches. Finney has placed the shot forty feet even.

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